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SUBJ: TUNISIAN NEGOTIATIONS WITH COMMON MARKET

REFS: (A) RABAT 1633 (B) EC BRUSSELS 3031

1. HASSAN BOUSSOFFARA, CONSULTANT IN MINISTRY NATIONAL ECONOMY WHO HAS PLAYED KEY ROLE IN GOT NEGOTIATIONS ON RENEWAL OF ASSOCIATION AGREEMENTS WITH EC, INFORMED EMBOFF THAT DIFFERENCES HOLDING UP FINAL AGREEMENT RELATIVELY MINOR. MAJOR HITCH, HE SAID, WAS GOT DESIRE CONTINUE AND EXTEND TO ENTIRE EC MARKET PREFERENTIAL ACCESS TO FRENCH MARKET NOW ENJOYED FOR EXPORTS OF A FEW TUNISIAN FRUITS AND VEGETABLES AS POINTED OUT REF (B). HE THOUGHT EC COMMISSION REALIZES IT WOULD BE INCONGRUOUS EXPECT GOT AGREE TO NEW EC AGREEMENT WHICH ACTUALLY WOULD DEPRIVE TUNISIA OF ADVANTAGES NOW ENJOYED UNDER BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH FRANCE. HE NOTED THAT COMMISSION INDICATED

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IT AGREEABLE TO THIS REQUEST AND OTHER "MINOR DRAFTING

CHANGES," BUT THAT UNDER EC PROCEDURES, FORMAL APPROVAL OF EC COUNCIL IS REQUIRED. BOUSSOFFARA DID NOT INDICATE THAT ENTRY OF CITRUS OR OTHER TUNISIAN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS INTO EC REMAINED MAJOR PROBLEM FOR TUNISIA.

2. BOUSSOFFARA REAFFIRMED THAT NEW AGREEMENTS DO NOT INCLUDE "REVERSE PREFERENCES" INKEEPING WITH TUNISIA'S LONG-ESTABLISHED AND IRM OPPOSITION. HE NOTED THAT UNDER TUNISIA'S "CONTRACTS FOR DEVELOPMENT" CONCEPT, NEW AGREEMENTS PROVIDE THAT EVENTUALLY TUNISIA'S ECONOMIC GROWTH WOULD PERMIT FORMATION OF "FREE TRADE AREA" WITH EC AND EXTENSION OF PREFERENCES IN BOTH DIRECTIONS. IN REGARD TUNISIAN ELIGIBILITY FOR US GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES, BOUSSOFFARA EXPRESSED COMPLETE CONFIDENCE THAT NEW AGREEMENTS WITHOUT RECIPROCITY WILL BE IN EFFECT BY JAN 1, 1976.
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